

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration, said composition comprising:

3 a) a core tablet comprising a drug and a freely erodible filler, wherein said  
4 core tablet is capable of approximately 40 to approximately 90% erosion; and

5 b) an outer layer, said outlayer is made from a hydrogel-forming polymer  
6 substance and a hydrophilic base, wherein said outer layer optionally contains a drug.

1 2. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration according to claim 1, wherein the outer layer comprises a drug and wherein  
3 the outer layer essentially does not contain the same drug as the core tablet drug.

1 3. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration according to claim 1, wherein there is approximately 75 wt% or less of said  
3 drug, approximately 5 to approximately 80 wt% freely erodible filler, approximately 10 to  
4 approximately 95 wt% hydrogel-forming polymer substance, and approximately 5 to  
5 approximately 80 wt% hydrophilic base.

1 4. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration according to claim 1, wherein the freely erodible filler is 1 or 2 or more  
3 selected from the group consisting of malic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, polyethylene  
4 glycol, sucrose, and lactulose.

1 5. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration according to claim 1, wherein the freely erodible filler is 1 or 2 or more  
3 selected from the group consisting of malic acid, citric acid and tartaric acid.

1 6. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration according to claim 1, wherein the freely erodible filler for a basic drug is 1 or  
3 2 or more selected from the group consisting of malic acid, citric acid and tartaric acid.

1 7. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration according to claim 1, wherein the freely erodible filler for an acidic or neutral  
3 drug is 1 or 2 or more selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, sucrose or  
4 lactulose.

8. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogel-forming polymer substance contains at least one type of polyethylene oxide.

9. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogel-forming polymer substance is 1 or 2 or more having a viscosity-average molecular weight of 2,000,000 or higher and/or a viscosity in an aqueous 1% solution (25°C) of 1,000 cp or higher.

10. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein the core tablet contains hydrogel-forming polymer substance.

11. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic base is 1 or 2 or more having solubility such that the amount of water needed to dissolve 1 g base is 5 mL or less.

12. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic base is 1 or 2 or more selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, sucrose, and lactulose.

13. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogel-forming polymer substance is at least 1 type of polyethylene oxide and further contains red ferric oxide and/or yellow ferric oxide.

14. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein a drug is brought to be effectively released or absorbed in the lower digestive tract.

15. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein a drug is brought to be effective for chronopharmacotherapy.

16. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein a drug is metabolized by cytochrome P-450.



3 a core tablet containing drug and outer layer made from hydrogel-forming  
4 polymer substance and hydrophilic base, the improvement which comprises a timed-release  
5 compression-coated solid composition for oral administration, said composition comprising:

- 6 (1) a drug and freely erodible filler are mixed with the core tablet;  
7 (2) the percentage erosion of the core tablet is approximately 40 to  
8 approximately 90%; and  
9 (3) the outer layer essentially does not contain the same drug as the above-  
10 mentioned drug.

1 26. The timed-release compression-coated solid composition for oral  
2 administration according to claim 25, wherein the drug is 4'-[(2-methyl-1,4,5,6-  
3 tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-d][1]benzazepin-6-yl)carbonyl]-2-phenylbenzanilide or its salt.